***Statement***

*Statement showing the number of applications received, Passports issued and miscellaneous*

| Year | No. of applications received | No. of passports issued | No. of miscellaneous applications received | No. of miscellaneous services rendered | Revenue earned Rupees in Crores |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2000 | 2588520 | 2243033 | 273908 | 257654 | 96.66 |
| 2001 | 2889577 | 2780738 | 305863 | 296296 | 114.64 |
| 2002 | 2713966 | 2666555 | 355318 | 347247 | 243.62 |
| 2003 | 3099285 | 2955529 | 341134 | 328935 | 342.80 |
| 2004 | 3515830 | 3352780 | 412328 | 395598 | 405.69 |
| 2005 | 3709448 | 3570730 | 483792 | 464122 | 427.63 |

**Indo-US nuclear deal**

325. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. Ambassador to India has said in a press conference in Delhi that U.S. Jewish lobby is playing a very important role in getting the Indo-U.S. nuclear deal passed in U.S. Congress;

(b) whether the Ministry is in touch with American Jewish Organizations to solicit their support, whether any of the embassy official met their officer bearer; and

(c) whether some leaders of the American Jewish lobby visited India recently and met Indian leaders and officials to lobby for Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The US Ambassador had, in the course of a press conference on June 30, 2006, remarked that 'the American Jewish Committee came out in support, which is a conglomeration of various Jewish lobbying groups who decided to be supportive of this specific gesture for India, which is very important because there is always the risk that somebody would say well you should

open this for all countries so other people can qualify, but no, this is an India-specific legislation'.

(b) India has not solicited the support of American Jewish Organizations for the India-US civilian nuclear energy deal. It is regular Embassy practice to meet as many US organizations as possible, including think tanks, business organizations, universities, non-profit groups, and community bodies to advance India interests in the United States.

(c) As per usual practice with many other US bodies, it is not uncommon for the representatives of American Jewish Organizations to visit India and interact without representatives.

**Criteria for classifying human dwellings as slums**

326. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria of classifying a human dwelling as slum;

(b) whether such criteria take into account condition of dwellings, access to the clean water supply, power supply, sanitation and sewage and other civic amenities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether such criteria are inconformity with the international norms to define a slum;

(e) whether it is a fact that a large segment of Type I and II Government dwellings in Metropolitan cities could be termed as slums; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to improve the living conditions in these dwellings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The concept of slums and their definition vary considerably across the States depending upon the socio-economic conditions or local perceptions prevailing in the society. They are usually a cluster of hutments with